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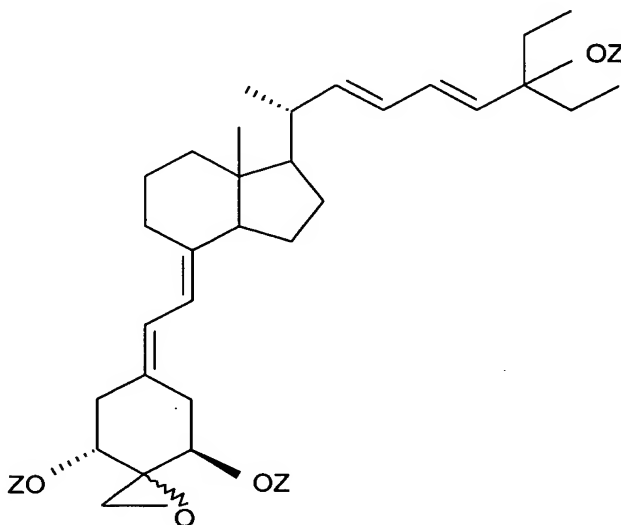
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add new claims 10-14 as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

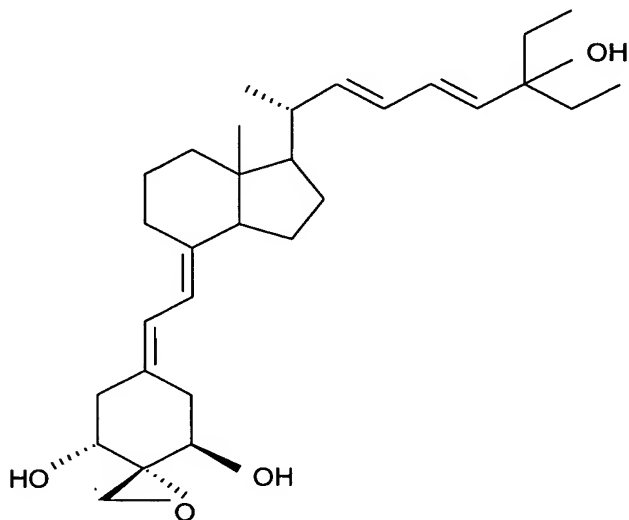
10. (New) A compound having the formula:



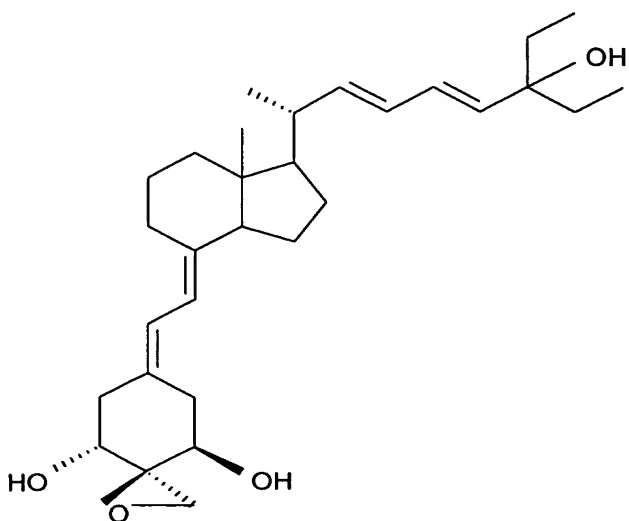
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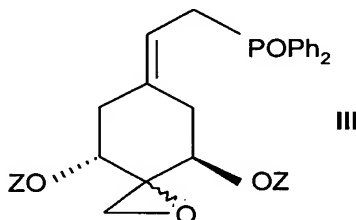
11. (New) 24,26,27-trihomo-1 α ,25-dihydroxy-2 β ,2'-epoxy-22,24-dien-19-norvitamin D₃ having the formula:



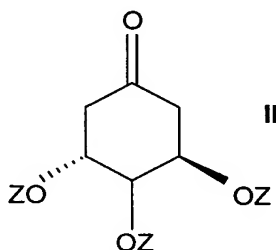
12. 24,26,27-trihomo-1 α ,25-dihydroxy-2 α ,2'-epoxy-22,24-dien-19-norvitamin D₃ having the formula:



13. (New) A method of preparing a compound of claim 1 comprising a step of obtaining a compound represented by formula III



wherein Z may be the same or different and represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy protecting group and Ph represents a phenyl group, from a compound represented by formula II



wherein Z may be the same or different and represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy protecting group.

14. (New) A method of treating a disease characterized by abnormal cell differentiation comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to a subject requiring treatment of the disease.